Allocation of electricity to Malwa in MP from Rajasthan Atomic Power Plant

†3046. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether 147 megawatt of electricity had been allocated to the Malwa region of Madhya Pradesh from Rajasthan Atomic Power Plant in view of voltage problem;

(b) whether problem of voltage has arisen again when the said allocation was withdrawn;

(c) if so, by when the said allocation would be made again in view of the problem of interrupted electric supply being faced by the farmers;

(d) whether State Government has proposed a 1000 megawatt thermal power plant in Malwa region for which approval of Central Government is required; and

(e) by when the said sanction would be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) 143 MW capacity in Rajasthan Atomic Power Station (RAPS) was temporarily diverted from Rajasthan (Northern Region) to Madhya Pradesh (Western Region) for meeting the rabi demand in December, 2003. This power flowed through 220 KV Kota-Ujjain line (Malwa region). However, in view of increased demand in the Northern Region (NR), low generation at hydro power station due to less rainfaill in the region, persistent requests from constituents of the Northern Region and RAPS being a regional power station in the Northern Region, constituents of the Narthern Region having first right over this power, the power from RAPS was restored to NR constituents in September, 2004.

(d) and (e) According to the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Government of Madhya Pradesh has proposed to set up a thermal power project of 1000 MW capacity (ultimate capacity 2000 MW) at Malwa, District Khandwa (Madhya Pradesh). Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board (MPSEB) has informed that a MoU has been signed between Government of Madhya Pradesh and Government of Gujarat on 22.02.2005 for setting up 2 X 500 MW thermal power project (ultimate capacity 2000 MW) at this site as a joint venture project.

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According to the Electricity Act, 2003, any generation company may establish, operate and maintain a generating station without obtaining a license, if it complies with the technical standards relating to connectivity with the grid and as such Techno-Economic Clearance (TEC) of CEA is not required for setting up of this power plant.

Assistance to PSEB

3047. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of profit and expenditure of Punjab State Electricity Board during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the accumulated profit/loss of Punjab Electricity Board as on date; and

(c) the nature of assistance provided by Government to PSEB to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) According to available information, year-wise commercial losses/profits and expenditure incurred by Punjab State Electricity Board during the last three years stating 2001-02 are as under:—

(*Rs. in crores*)

Year	Profit/Loss	Expenditure
2001-02	(-) 6.00	6725.56
2002-03	(-) 435.99	6874.89
2003-04	174.92	6969.57

(b) Accumulated losses as on 31.3.2004 is Rs. 533.45 crores.

(c) The Union Government, in order to help the State Utilities is providing funds to States under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) for investment in identified distribution areas for, *inter alia*, reducing technical losses and improving the quality of supply and also for incentivising, through grants, reduction of cash losses. APDRP has two components namely incentive and investment component. Unde